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For: HEARING AID WITH LARGE DIAPHRAGM MICROPHONE ELEMENT
INCLUDING A PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD



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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated July 22, 2003, Applicant hereby elects without prejudice Species 8 directed to a hearing aid and having Claims 36-39 which specify the details of a transducer housing for the hearing aid.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested on the basis that at least Claims 1-20 and 24-27, 31 and 35-39, 55-69 and 75-77 and 81 and 90 are generic apparatus claims directed to various species of a hearing aid.

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An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.
A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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